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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, Applicants submit this amendment. A Petition to Extend the Time for Response for one month from November 11, 2004 to December 11, 2004 is attached hereto. It is noted that December 11, 2004 is a Saturday, therefore, the response is due on December 13, 2004. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: none

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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